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TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: TOW MISSILES - U.S. TECHNICIANS' ROLE

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1. FOR MUSCAT: BRITISH INVOLVEMENT: EMBASSY ASSUMPTION
IS CORRECT. THERE IS NO REPEAT NO USG-HMG QUOTE AGREEMENT
END QUOTE TO EFFECT THAT BRITISH NOT BE INVOLVED IN
TRAINING OMANI TROOPS TO USE TOW.

2. FOR LONDON: SUGGEST AT NEXT SUITABLE OCCASION US
EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE STRESS TO FCO THAT SAF COMMANDER
CREASEY HAS BEEN KEPT FULLY APPRISED OF U.S.-OMANI DIS-

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CUSSIONS, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, OF TOW. SPECIFICALLY,

U.S. CHARGE ZWEIFEL BRIEFED CREASEY PERSONALLY JANUARY 14, AND LATTER'S COMMENTS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN PLANNING TOW DELIVERY AND TRAINING TEAM. REFTELS B, C, AND D BEING REPEATED LONDON FOR YOUR BACKGROUND.

3. FOR MUSCAT: USG STRONGLY DESIRES U.S. TRAINING PERSONNEL REMAIN IN MUSCAT AREA, TO MINIMIZE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT U.S. GETTING INVOLVED IN DHOFAR WAR. WE HAVE TOLD PRESS OUR POLICY, WHICH IS THAT U.S. IS NOT AND DOES NOT

INTEND GET INVOLVED IN DHOFAR WAR, AND WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED MAINTAIN OUR CREDIBILITY ON THIS POINT. VISIT TO DHOFAR, REGION WHERE INSURGENCY EXISTS, WHILE NOT INVOLVING U.S. IN WAR, COULD WELL BE MISCONSTRUED AS SUCH. IF THERE SEEM TO BE OVERWHELMING TECHNICAL REASONS REQUIRING VISIT OF TEAM TO SALALAH, EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE DEPARTMENT. IN NO CASE WOULD TEAM BE PERMITTED VISIT AREAS OF ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL HOSTILITIES IN DHOFAR PROVINCE. KISSINGER

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